

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-13 and 15-22 are pending in this application and claims 23 – 27 have been withdrawn.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment a copy of the claims of the present application is included with the proper status identifier.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 50-2828.

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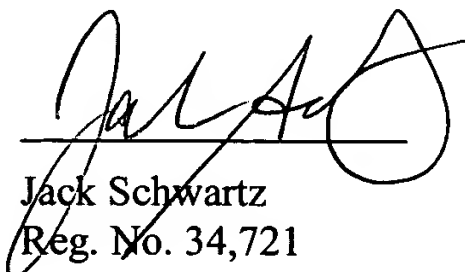
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